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TOPIC Military Information from Jueterbog and the Werder-Markendorf Troop Training

Grounds

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 8 to 14 August 1952, all barracks were occupied, and all kitchens in operation, at the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds east of Jueterbog (N 52/E 69). However, only a few soldiers were seen in the quarters during the day. Some soldiers stated that they would return to Jittenberg (N 52/E 37) in October 1952. Source learned from German laborers that Lieutenant Colonel Molochen (fnu) was supply officer of Sections 1 and 2, and Major Dantsov (fnu) was supply officer of Section 15. On 8 August, six groups each consisting of 1 officer and 12 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets including a few with tank insignia received instruction outdoors in Section 12. Lieutenant Colonel Zeezy (fnu) was supply officer in this section. On 12 August, 38 T-34/85 tanks covered with tarpaulins were in the parking lot of Section 13. Tanks were being worked on. From 50 to 60 trucks and 3 x 57-mm AT guns were in sheds. Lieutenant Colonel Krazilnikov (fnu) was supply officer in that section. On 13 August, trucks left Section 13. Individual soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen near the quarters in Section 14, and supply officer Lieutenant Colonel Shmiedloff (fnu) was identified there. Twelve trucks, 5 armored scout cars, 9 armored personnel carriers and 15 JS tanks were in the parking lot with other vehicles. On 14 August, only a few officers and 21 wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in Section 4. Type T-34/85 tank proceeded toward Kloster Zinna. Truck near the barracks. Truck left Section 15. (1)

2. On 27 July, a group of soldiers with 5 trucks, 4 armored personnel carriers, 3 light armored scout cars and 14 motorcycles stood in the yard of the Fuchsberg Kaserne, east of the railroad, in Jueterbog. They later, left the barracks installation toward Gruenstrasse. Each truck was occupied by 12 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles left the installation. (2)

3. On 15 August, 42 trucks, each transporting 16 to 18 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, passed through Jueterbog and proceeded toward Hausmark. The

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4. During the period from 3 to 14 August, the following shipments were determined on the Jueterbog-Kloster Zinna line:

At noon on 3 August. A train consisting of eight boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 14 trucks, [REDACTED], 6 rocket launchers, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 1 field kitchen. The train pulled out at 12:30 p.m. and proceeded toward Wittenberg.

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At 5:30 p.m. on 4 August.

The regular freight train heading toward Zossen (N 53/Z 91) carried 8 ambulances, 2 command cars and 1 T-34/85 tank. All cars were unnumbered.

At 3 p.m. on 5 August.

A train without locomotive was at the ramp of the 'orst Zinna railroad station. It was loaded with 34 trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 6 x 57-mm AT guns of model 41; 8 x 57-mm AT guns of model 43, 12 x 120-mm mortars, and 14 boxcars carrying troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

At 5:30 a.m. on 6 August.

A train headed toward Jueterbog stopped on the Gruena-Jueterbog railroad line with the following material: 46 trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 16 x 57-mm AT guns of model 41; 16 x 57-mm AT guns of model 43; 16 x 120-mm mortars; and 18 boxcars with troops.

At 5:30 p.m. on 9 August.

A train at the Jueterbog freight station, headed toward Wittenberg, carried 14 trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 6 x 57-mm AT guns of model 41; 3 rocket launchers and 6 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

At 7:10 p.m. on 11 August.

Eight JS-3 tanks [REDACTED] and 1 JSU-122 gun were on a train at the Jueterbog railroad station.

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From 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on 14 August.

At the 'orst Zinna railroad station, the following equipment was unloaded: 16 trucks, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 6 model 41 57-mm AT guns. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were unloaded from 10 boxcars. Source stated that some trucks had already been unloaded before he made his observations.

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5. Prior to 18 July, source learned from a craftsman employed in Camp Werder-Markendorf that the camp quartered 8,000 to 10,000 troops who belonged to a tank unit from Wittenberg. The informant identified the following officers by last name and rank: Colonel Malishki, Lieutenant Colonel Shmiedlov, Lieutenant Colonel Patushin, Major Pamtsov, Major Krainikov, Senior Lieutenant Richkov

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and Senior Lieutenant Masov. The division commander, a colonel, was billeted in the Heidehof Estate and drove sedan [redacted]. The camp also quartered tank units from Jueterbog-Altes Lager which included Major Moldashenko (fnu). Colonel Nosel (fnu) wearing tank insignia and riding sedan [redacted] was camp commandant in administrative matters. (1)

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10. On 21 July, source learned that Lieutenant Colonel Pushkov (fnu) who wore silver epaulets with artillery insignia was in charge of the construction of bunker doors at the Jueterbog troop training grounds and rode in jeep [redacted] On 22 July, source learned that Lieutenant Colonel Yarovenko (fnu), who rode jeep [redacted] was in charge of the construction work in the Jueterbog ammunition depot near Tieferbrunn. (1)

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11. During the period from 4 to 15 August, a tent camp with up to 50 trucks was observed about 3 km west-southwest of the Luckenwalde railroad station on the eastern perimeter of the Jueterbog troop training grounds. Source noticed that the number of weapons and trucks continually changed. The following details were observed:

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4 August. About 80 trucks, including ambulance [redacted] 30 x 76.2-mm ZIS-3 guns, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, and 8 model 13 rocket launchers.

5 August. About 60 trucks, 20 x 76.2-mm field guns.

6 August. The camp was moved about 500 meters to the northwest. Observed were only 20 x 76.2-mm field guns, 5 rocket launchers and 60 trucks [redacted]

11 August. 20 trucks and 2 model 13 rocket launchers.

12 August. 55 trucks and 10 heavy mortars.

13 August. 50 trucks, 12 heavy mortars of about 120-mm, radio truck [redacted] and a tent with 8 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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15 August. 30 trucks and 12 heavy mortars. (4)

12. On 6 August, an AA gun emplacement with six 25-mm AA guns and seven 4-man tents were observed about 600 meters southwest of the Forst Linna railroad station. Quarters were observed southeast of the same railroad station. The gate just opposite the railroad station was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 12 trucks, several sedans and an ambulance were at the gate of the installation. [redacted] (7)

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13. The following units turned in their laundry in Jueterbog during the period from 4 to 7 August:

Number and Kind of
Articles of Clothing

Epaulets and
Branch-of-Service

1,225 shirts	red-bordered black
1,222 drawers	
2,422 bedsheets	
1,203 pillowcases	
1,238 towels	
586 footwraps	

185 shirts	red-bordered black
183 drawers	
218 bedsheets	
195 pillowcases	
190 towels	
213 footwraps	

42 shirts	red-bordered black
42 drawers	
51 bedsheets	
48 pillowcases	
47 towels	
54 footwraps	

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Number and Kind of
Articles of ClothingShoulders and
Branch of Service

120 shirts
120 drawers
235 bedsheets
125 pillowcases
125 towels
74 footwraps

red-bordered black
with tank insignia

810 shirts
813 drawers
1,672 bedsheets
794 pillowcases
802 towels
1,177 footwraps

red-bordered black
with tank insignia

235 shirts
233 drawers
473 bedsheets
224 pillowcases
276 towels
468 footwraps

red-bordered black

473 shirts
468 drawers
1,000 bedsheets
512 pillowcases
815 towels
363 footwraps

red-bordered black
with tank insignia

511 shirts
513 drawers
762 bedsheets
568 pillowcases
534 towels
727 footwraps

red-bordered black
with tank insignia

87 shirts
89 drawers
166 bedsheets
90 pillowcases
97 towels
63 footwraps

red-bordered black
with motor transport
insignia

61 shirts
35 drawers
37 bedsheets
35 pillowcases
63 towels
70 footwraps

red-bordered black

128 shirts
125 drawers
229 bedsheets
217 pillowcases
152 towels
89 footwraps

red-bordered black

330 bedsheets
175 pillowcases

149 pillowcases

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- (1) Comments.
- Sources of paragraphs 1 and 5 confirm the majority of the 6th Gds Tank Div in their summer camp at Jerder-Markendorf until 14 August 1952. The numbered camp sections are keyed to a sketch previously forwarded.
- The officers mentioned in paragraph 1 were previously reported by the same source in 1941 to have been supply officers in the same sections.
- Malishki (fnu) and Ratushkin (fnu) are reported for the first time. Krainikov is possibly identical with Lieutenant Colonel Krasilnikov (fnu) who belongs to the 53d Gds Tank Regt. Compared with previous information

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[redacted] it appears that Senior Lieutenant Masov (fnu) is identical with Major Mosov (fnu) and Colonel Mosel (fnu) is identical with Colonel Mosul (fnu). Major Moldoshenko (fnu) is believed to be one Major Mollochen (fnu) also reported by source of paragraph 1 in 1951 and 1952, as being officer in Section 1. Major Mollochen (fnu) presumably belongs to the 272d Gds Mort Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div from Juetarbo; Altes Lager which was stationed in Sections 1 and 2 of Camp Jender-Markendorf last year.

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[redacted] confirms this regiment as being stationed there until 5 February 1952. According to records available, it is possible that Lieutenant Colonel Pushkov (fnu) also reported by source of paragraph 10 is identical with Lieutenant Colonel Pushkin (fnu) of the 272d Gds Mort Regt.

- (2) The occupation of the Fuchsberg Kaserne is not known. On the basis of previous reports, it can be assumed that battalions are stationed there which are subordinate directly to the Hq 11th Gds Mecz Div in the nearby Neue Finauzant and that other units are also stationed there. Recent information predominantly indicated the presence of the engineer battalion and the motorcycle battalion. See paragraph 2 of this report and [redacted].

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[redacted] it appears that a tank battalion is also stationed there. [redacted] the 11th Gds Mecz Div or to other units of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

- (3) The columns were composed of motor vehicles of the 11th Gds Mecz Div.

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[redacted] these trains carried elements of the Second Gds Mecz Army. [redacted] indicated that components of the 1st Mecz Div and of the 9th Gds Tank Div were rotated to the Juetarbo; troop training grounds for firing practice as of late July. According to the information contained in paragraph 11 of the present report, it appears that these units and, especially the 9th Gds Tank Div, are alternately quartered in the tent camp which has been reported twice [redacted]. See

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- (5) The light occupation of the Fliegerhorst is possibly because elements of the 11th Gds Mecz Div stationed there are temporarily out for practices near the military post.

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- (6) [redacted] the AAA unit observed belongs to the air force and was presumably engaged in practices. [redacted]

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- (7) According to a sketch submitted by source but not forwarded, the AAA emplacement is near the Adolf Hitler Camp which houses the Hq Third Gds Army.

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- (10) [redacted]

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